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MULTILEVEL SIGNALS

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement figures is attached following page 5 of this paper.